

**Appendix A**  
**Wetlands and Waterways**

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**A-1 U.S. Coast Guard Correspondence,  
December 2008**

**From:** Joseph Krupitza  
**To:** Stanifer, William  
**CC:** Bloom, Robert; Striffler, Scot  
**Date:** 12/23/2008 11:29 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Portageville Bridge Replacement Project

Good Morning Mr. Stanifer:

Thanks so much for your reply.

NYSDOT wishes everyone Happy Holidays at the USCG as well.

Sincerely,

Joe Krupitza

>>> "Stanifer, William" <[William.B.Stanifer@uscg.mil](mailto:William.B.Stanifer@uscg.mil)> 12/23/2008 11:23 AM >>>

Joe,

After reviewing the scoping document for the Portageville Bridge Project, a Coast Guard Bridge Permit will not be required for the proposed construction project in accordance with the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1982. This Act states that a permit is not required (if so determined by the U.S. Coast Guard) for bridge construction over navigable U.S. Waterways that do not presently carry foreign and/or interstate commerce, are not susceptible to reasonable improvement to carry such commerce, and are non-tidal waters. Though a Coast Guard Bridge Permit is not required, you must still comply with the requirements of other federal, state, or local agencies.

Please feel free to contact this office with any questions or concerns you may have. Thanks, and have a great holiday.

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From: [jkrupitza@dot.state.ny.us](mailto:jkrupitza@dot.state.ny.us) [<mailto:jkrupitza@dot.state.ny.us>]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2008 10:43 AM  
To: Stanifer, William  
Subject: Portageville Bridge Replacement Project

Hello:

Here is the requested link. NYSDOT is performing a SEQR study.

<https://www.nysdot.gov/divisions/operating/opdm/passenger-rail>

Thanks - Joe K.

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**A-2 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination, June 2011**



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**BUFFALO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**1776 NIAGARA STREET**  
**BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199**

REPLY TO

June 22, 2011

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination for Department of the Army Application  
No. 2008-01754

Amanda Atwell  
C&S Companies  
499 Col. Eileen Collins Blvd.  
Syracuse, NY 13212

Dear Ms. Atwell:

I have reviewed the wetland delineation map you submitted with your request for a wetland boundary verification on behalf of Norfolk Southern and New York State Department of Transportation in the vicinity for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge over the Genesee River located in the Towns of Portageville and Genesee Falls, Livingston and Wyoming Counties, New York.

I have evaluated your submitted wetland delineation map and have determined that the wetland and water boundaries shown on the map accurately represent on-site conditions. I have enclosed the Preliminary JD Form with this letter. The form and attached table identifies the extent of waters on the site and specific terms and conditions of the Preliminary JD.

Please note that this is a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination (JD). Preliminary JDs are non-binding written indications that there may be waters of the United States on your parcel and approximate locations of those waters. Preliminary JDs are advisory in nature and may not be appealed.

Pursuant to Regulatory Guidance Letter 08-02, any permit application made in reliance on this Preliminary JD will be evaluated as though all wetlands or waters on the site are regulated by the Corps. Further, all waters, including wetlands will be used for purposes of assessing the area of project related impacts and compensatory mitigation. If you require a definitive response regarding Department of the Army jurisdiction for any or all of the waters identified on the submitted drawings, you may request an approved jurisdictional determination from this office. If an approved jurisdictional determination is requested, please be aware that this is often a lengthy process and we may require the submittal of additional information.

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In accordance with Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-02, "Preliminary jurisdictional determinations are not definitive determinations of areas within regulatory jurisdiction and do not have expirations dates." However, I strongly recommend that the boundaries of waters of the United States be re-evaluated by a qualified wetland biologist after five years of the date of this letter. This will ensure that any changes are appropriately identified and you do not inadvertently incur a violation of Federal law while constructing your project or working on your project site.

Lastly, this determination has been conducted only to identify the limits of waters that may be subject to Corps Clean Water Act or Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction. This delineation/determination may not be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended. If you or your tenant are USDA program participants, or anticipate participation in USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resource Conservation Service prior to starting work.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Mr. Bill O'Hern and Mr. Kevin Miller at the New York State Department of Transportation Region 4 and Mr. Kevin Hauschildt at Norfolk Southern Corporation.

Questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to me at 716-879-4342, by writing to the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207, or by e-mail at: [Mark.L.Lester@usace.army.mil](mailto:Mark.L.Lester@usace.army.mil)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark L. Lester".

Mark L. Lester  
Biologist

Enclosures

**ATTACHMENT**

**PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD):** June 13, 2011

**B. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON REQUESTING PRELIMINARY JD:**  
Norfolk Southern Corporation and the New York State Department of Transportation

**C. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:** Buffalo District,  
NYSDOT and Norfolk Southern Corp. – Portageville Bridge Project, 2008-01754

**D. PROJECT LOCATION(S) AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**  
**(USE THE ATTACHED TABLE TO DOCUMENT MULTIPLE WATERBODIES AT DIFFERENT SITES)**

State: New York County/parish/borough: Livingston and Wyoming  
City: Portageville and Genesee Falls  
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 42.57761° N, Long. -78.04951° W.

Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Genesee River

Identify (estimate) amount of waters in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: Stream B is 226 linear feet: 3 width (ft) and/or acres.  
The Genesee River is 187 linear feet: 132 width (ft) and/or acres.

Cowardin Class: Riverine

Stream Flow: Perennial

Wetlands: 0.052 acres.

Cowardin Class: Emergent

Name of any water bodies on the site that have been identified as Section 10 waters:

Tidal:

Non-Tidal: Genesee River

**E. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

☒ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: April 4, 2011

☒ Field Determination. Date(s): April 27, 2011



1. The Corps of Engineers believes that there may be jurisdictional waters of the United States on the subject site, and the permit applicant or other affected party who requested this preliminary JD is hereby advised of his or her option to request and obtain an approved jurisdictional determination (JD) for that site. Nevertheless, the permit applicant or other person who requested this preliminary JD has declined to exercise the option to obtain an approved JD in this instance and at this time.

2. In any circumstance where a permit applicant obtains an individual permit, or a Nationwide General Permit (NWP) or other general permit verification requiring "pre-construction notification" (PCN), or requests verification for a non-reporting NWP or other general permit, and the permit applicant has not requested an approved JD for the activity, the permit applicant is hereby made aware of the following: (1) the permit applicant has elected to seek a permit authorization based on a preliminary JD, which does not make an official determination of jurisdictional waters; (2) that the applicant has the option to request an approved JD before accepting the terms and conditions of the permit authorization, and that basing a permit authorization on an approved JD could possibly result in less compensatory mitigation being required or different special conditions; (3) that the applicant has the right to request an individual permit rather than accepting the terms and conditions of the NWP or other general permit authorization; (4) that the applicant can accept a permit authorization and thereby agree to comply with all the terms and conditions of that permit, including whatever mitigation requirements the Corps has determined to be necessary; (5) that undertaking any activity in reliance upon the subject permit authorization without requesting an approved JD constitutes the applicant's acceptance of the use of the preliminary JD, but that either form of JD will be processed as soon as is practicable; (6) accepting a permit authorization (e.g., signing a proffered individual permit) or undertaking any activity in reliance on any form of Corps permit authorization based on a preliminary JD constitutes agreement that all wetlands and other water bodies on the site affected in any way by that activity are jurisdictional waters of the United States, and precludes any challenge to such jurisdiction in any administrative or judicial compliance or enforcement action, or in any administrative appeal or in any Federal court; and (7) whether the applicant elects to use either an approved JD or a preliminary JD, that JD will be processed as soon as is practicable. Further, an approved JD, a proffered individual permit (and all terms and conditions contained therein), or individual permit denial can be administratively appealed pursuant to 33 C.F.R. Part 331, and that in any administrative appeal, jurisdictional issues can be raised (see 33 C.F.R. 331.5(a)(2)). If, during that administrative appeal, it becomes necessary to make an official determination whether CWA jurisdiction exists over a site, or to provide an official delineation of jurisdictional waters on the site, the Corps will provide an approved JD to accomplish that result, as soon as is practicable. This preliminary JD finds that there "*may be*" waters of the United States on the subject project site, and identifies all aquatic features on the site that could be affected by the proposed activity, based on the following information:

**SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for preliminary JD (check all that apply**

- checked items should be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):

☒ Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant:Wetlands and Waterways Delineation Report June 2011.

☒ Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.

☒ Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.

☐ Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.

☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps:

☒ Corps navigable waters' study:Genesee River.

☐ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:

☐ USGS NHD data.

☐ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.

☒ U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:1:24,000 Portageville NY.

☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation:SSURGO Soils Map.

☒ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name:USFWS NWI Map (Online Version).

☒ State/Local wetland inventory map(s):NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands Map.

☐ FEMA/FIRM maps:

☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)

☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date):Aerial photos included in Figures section of Wetlands and Waterways Delineation Report (June 2011).

or ☒ Other (Name & Date):Photos taken October 2, 2008 included in Appendix B of Wetlands and Waterways Delineation Report (June 2011) and photos taken April 27, 2011 on a field site visit.

☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:

☐ Other information (please specify):

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The information recorded on this form has not necessarily been verified by the Corps and should not be relied upon for later jurisdictional determinations.**

Mark L. Lester 6/13/11  
Signature and date of  
Regulatory Project Manager  
(REQUIRED)

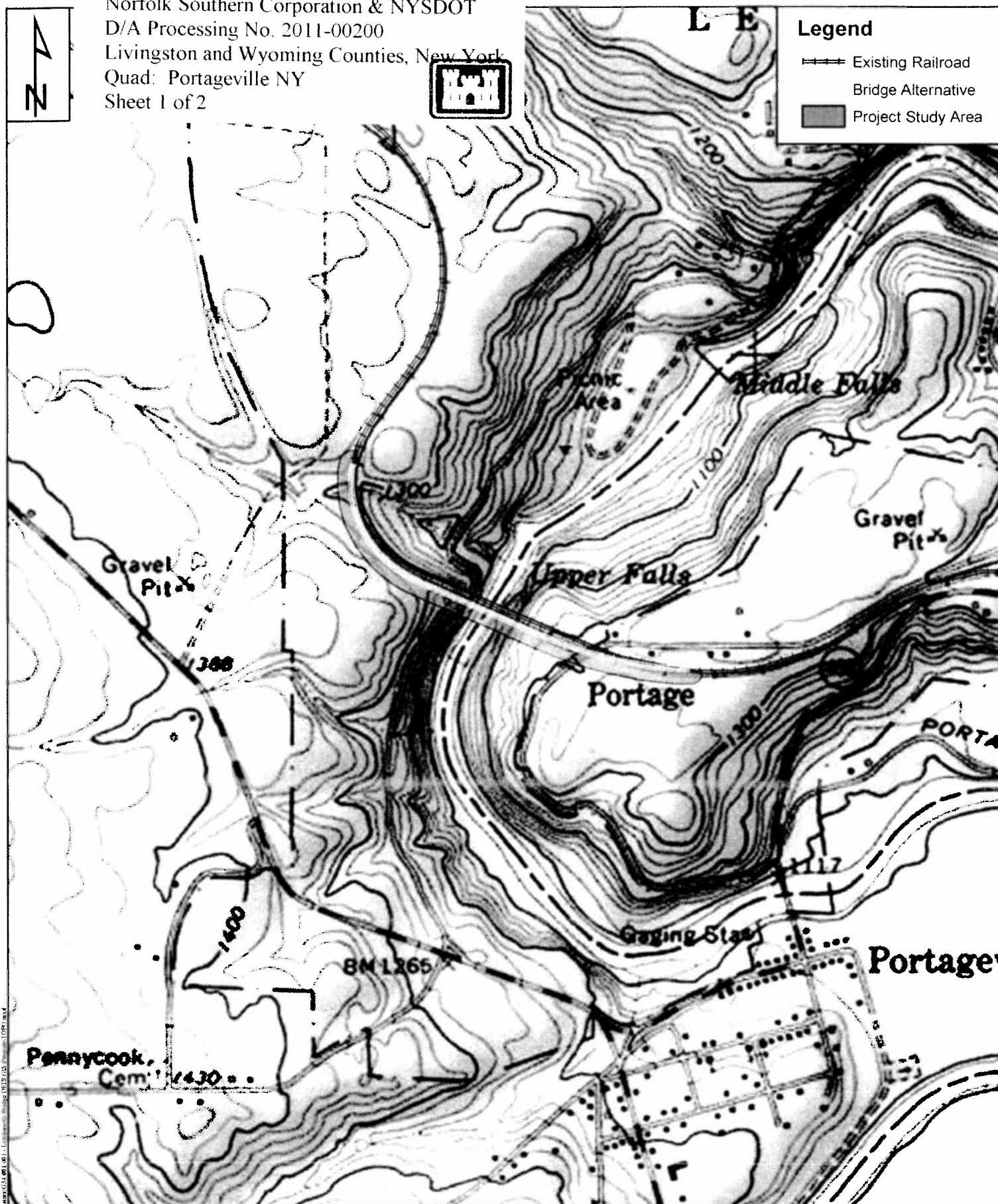
Kevin G. Hamblitt 6/16/11  
Signature and date of  
person requesting preliminary JD  
(REQUIRED, unless obtaining  
the signature is impracticable)

<b>Site number</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Cowardin Class</b>	<b>Estimated amount of aquatic resource in review area</b>	<b>Class of aquatic resource</b>
Wetland A	42.57812 N	-78.05124 W	PEM - Palustrine, Emergent	0.052 acre	non-section 10 – wetland
Genesee River	42.57763 N	-78.04957 W	R2 - Riverine, Lower Perennial	187 linear feet	section 10 – non-tidal
Stream B	42.58031 N	-78.05334 W	R3 – Riverine, Upper Perennial	226 linear feet	non-section 10 – non-wetland



# Legend

- Existing Railroad
- Bridge Alternative
- Project Study Area



**C&S**  
COMPANIES

0 500 Feet  
Scale = 1:12,000

General Project Location and Topographic Map  
Portageville Bridge Project  
Town of Portageville, Livingston County New York  
Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming County, New York

**Figure 1**



**A-3 Wetlands and Waterways Delineation Report, June 2011**

**WETLANDS & WATERWAYS  
DELINEATION REPORT**

**NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION  
PORTAGEVILLE BRIDGE PROJECT  
TOWN OF PORTAGEVILLE, LIVINGSTON COUNTY &  
TOWN OF GENESEE FALLS, WYOMING COUNTY,  
NEW YORK**

June 2011

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### **PLAN**

**Wetland Delineation Plan**

### **APPENDIX A**

**Wetland Determination Sheets**

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**Previous Information**



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## **1.0 Introduction**

C&S Engineers, Inc. has been retained by Modjeski & Masters to perform environmental services and studies to support the State Environmental Quality Review Act Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process for the Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) Portageville Bridge project. NS is proposing to modernize, including potentially replace the Portageville Bridge, a bridge carrying rail freight traffic near Portageville New York. The bridge is located within the southern end of Letchworth State Park, within the Town of Portageville, Livingston County, and the Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming County, New York (Figure 1). Within the Park, the Genesee River flows from south to north through a deep gorge and over three scenic waterfalls. The bridge is situated near the southern end of the park adjacent to the Upper Falls and is oriented in a general east-west direction. The bridge is the weakest link of NS's mainline route between Buffalo and Binghamton, New York.

This project will examine various alternatives, including keeping the current bridge, replacing the bridge on new and existing alignments, and rehabilitation of the existing bridge. The report discusses wetland and waterways located within a proposed parallel alignment, as discussed in the EIS. Other potential alignments were not reviewed as part of this report. The approximate 14.7 acre study area reviewed is considered the project study area hereinafter, and is shown in the attached figures and plans. C&S performed wetland, ordinary high water (OHW), and mean high water (MHW) delineations for existing waterbodies within the project study area. A plan showing the project study area, with the wetland, OHW, and MHW boundaries identified has been attached as the Wetlands and Waterways Delineation Plan (WP-1). This report has been prepared to discuss the findings of the wetlands and waterways identified and defined during the site investigation.

## **2.0 Methods**

The following information, resources, and references were utilized during the wetland delineation and preparation of this wetland delineation report.

### **2.1 Agency Resource Information**

Prior to the field survey of the property, various maps and other sources of background information were reviewed. These included: United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map (Portageville USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle) (Figure 1); National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Map prepared by the Fish and Wildlife Service (Figure 2); NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands and Stream Classification Map (New York State Regulatory Freshwater Wetlands for Livingston and Wyoming Counties – ARC Export) (Figure 3); and SSURGO Soils Map, prepared utilizing United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey Geographic Database for Livingston and Wyoming Counties, New York (Figure 4). The above maps were used initially to identify areas with potential to contain wetland and stream conditions.

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## **2.2 Field Surveys**

C&S conducted a field survey and performed wetland, OHW, and MHW delineations of the project study area on September 7, 2010. The background information maps and soils information discussed above were referenced during the field surveys of the site. During the field surveys, dominant flora species, hydrologic features, and soil conditions were recorded. Field data sheets were recorded to characterize wetlands and specific cover types present in the project study area, these field data sheets are included as Appendix A.

The boundaries of the wetlands were delineated using the criteria for vegetation, soils, and hydrology as specified in the *1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* (USACE, 1997) (hereinafter referred to the USACE Manual) and the *Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region* (USACE, 2009) (hereinafter referred to as the Regional Supplement). The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is engaged in an ongoing effort to develop supplemental regional criteria and guidance specific to the Northcentral and Northeast region for the USACE Manual. The USACE Manual continues to provide the technical guidance and procedures for identifying and delineating wetlands that may be subject to regulatory jurisdiction. The Regional Supplement was created to improve the accuracy and efficiency of wetland delineation procedures and is designed for concurrent use with the USACE Manual.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Manual was not utilized as no NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands were mapped within, or immediately adjacent to, the project study area (See Figure 2).

A formal wetlands and waterways delineation was conducted for the above mentioned project on October 2, 2008 using the USACE Manual. Since 2008, the USACE published the Regional Supplement that supersedes some aspects of the USACE Manual. The project study area and former delineation was reviewed in order to comply with the updated regulatory supplement. Generally, the wetland and stream boundaries remained consistent through use of the USACE Manual and the Regional Supplement, however data collection requirements were different. As such, updated wetland data plots were recorded to comply with the Regional Supplement.

The MHW and OHW mark for the unnamed tributary of the Genesee River located within the project study area were delineated utilizing the definitional criteria as presented in Title 6 of the Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York, Part 608, Use and Protection of Waters, and Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 328. Surveyor's flags or ribbon were placed along the stream boundaries based on visual assessment of the MHW and OHW. The Genesee River was not delineated, yet was approximated utilizing the stream edge identified on the USGS topographic map.

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Surveyor's flags or ribbon were placed along the wetland boundaries based on observations of vegetation, hydric soils, and hydrology conditions. These observations were made throughout the hydrologic condition continuum to verify that the wetland boundary was sufficiently identified. Additional observations of vegetation, soils, and hydrology were made at intermediate locations for the placement of additional flagging to refine the wetland boundary. Each wetland and stream was assigned a letter designation. Each flag was labeled with the letter of the wetland or stream and numbered consecutively. Wetland and stream boundaries were surveyed by C&S Engineers, Inc. using Trimble GeoXH GPS units with sub-foot accuracy. GPS code and carrier phase post-processed differential correction methodology was applied using Trimble's Pathfinder Office 3.1 software. The above referenced data was then placed on the project base maps for the preparation of the Wetland Delineation Plans included in this report. C&S calculated the acreage of the wetlands and linear feet of streams using Environmental Systems Research Institute ARCGIS ARCVIEW 9.2.

Wetland data plots were gathered during the field surveys. Vegetation was identified in each vegetative stratum, as present and appropriate (e.g. tree stratum, sapling/shrub stratum, herbaceous stratum, and woody vine stratum) consistent with the USACE Manual and USACE Regional Supplement. Scientific nomenclature for plant species and the indicator status for each plant species were determined using the *National List of Plants that Occur in Wetlands: Northeast (Region 1)* (Reed, 1988) (hereinafter referred to as Reed).

Soil characteristics and hydrology data were observed and collected at representative areas in test pits within the wetland. The soil and hydrologic data test pits were located at the center point of the vegetative plots. The pits were excavated by hand to a depth of 20 inches below grade consistent with the USACE Regional Supplement. The presence of hydric soil indicators was determined by describing pertinent characteristics of the soil sample. Soil colors were determined using the Munsell® soil color charts (2000 Edition). Hydric soil characteristics such as organic soil layers, reducing conditions, gleying, low-chroma mottles, and concretions were noted where they occurred. Primary and secondary indicators of hydrology were also noted at each sample plot.

A wetland determination was made at each sample plot after characterizing vegetation, hydrology, and soil. If the vegetation, hydrology, and hydric soil criteria were met, the area was deemed to be a wetland. If one or more of the criteria were not met, the area was determined to be non-wetland. If abnormal or atypical conditions were present, these conditions were identified and a different paradigm was used to determine the presence of wetland parameters as identified in Section F of the USACE Manual and Chapter 5 of the Regional Supplement. Photographs of wetland communities are presented in Appendix B.

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### **3.0 Results**

#### **National Wetland Inventory Map Review**

Review of the National Wetland Inventory Map indicated that one mapped resource exists within the project study area, and immediately adjacent to the study area, as shown in the attached Figure 2. This mapped resource corresponds to the Genesee River, and is identified as riverine, upper perennial, unconsolidated bottom, permanent (R3UBH). It should be noted that NWI maps carry no federal jurisdictional value and serve only as general reference documents.

#### **NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands and Streams Map Review**

The NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands Map for the project study area revealed that no NYSDEC jurisdictional wetlands are located within or immediately adjacent to the study area (Figure 3). NYSDEC streams are found within the project study area.

#### **SSURGO Soils Map Review**

Soils within the area are predominantly mapped as Arkport very fine sandy loam, Braceville silt loam, Chenango gravelly loam, Varysburg gravelly loam, and Williamson channery silt loam (Figure 4).

- The Arkport series consists of very deep, well drained soils formed in sandy glacio-lacustrine sediments. These soils are on tops to sides of glacial deltas and plains, slopes range from 25 to 45 percent (SSS-NRCS-USDA).
- The Braceville series consists of very deep, moderately well drained soils formed from water-sorted glacial outwash. Slope ranges from 0 to 25 percent (SSS-NRCS-USDA).
- The Chenango series consists of very deep, well to excessively well drained soils formed from water-sorted glacial outwash (SSS-NRCS-USDA).
- The Varysburg series consists of very deep, well to moderately well drained soils on dissected lake plains. These soils are typically have loamy surfaces with underlying dense clayey sediments (SSS-NRCS-USDA).
- The Williamson series consists of deep, moderately well drained soils on lake plains and uplands. Soils are typically silty with a dense fragipan layer that restricts root penetration and water movement (SSS-NRCS-USDA).

None of the soil series within the project area are listed as hydric or as soils having potential hydric inclusions (SSS-NRCS-USDA 2009 & SCS-USDA 1989).

#### **Delineation Results**

During the field surveys, one wetland area, Wetland A, was identified within the project study area. Two streams were identified within the project study area. These streams were identified as the Genesee River and Stream B. These resources are depicted within the attached Wetlands Delineation Plan (WP1).

The center of the Genesee River demarcates the county line; the river is within both Wyoming and Livingston Counties. Wetland A and Stream B resources are located

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within Wyoming County. No wetland or waterways resources were found within the Livingston County portion of the study area.

### **3.1 Wetland Descriptions**

Within the approximate 14.7 acre project study area, one wetland of 0.052 acres was delineated.

Wetland A, 0.052 acres, was delineated within the project study area. This small emergent wetland is located within a partial hemlock overstory. The feature is located between a clearing associated with a park trail and a mature hemlock forest, within a depression at the base of a significant hill. A description of the flora, soils, and hydrology for Wetland A noted during field surveys follows:

➤ ***flora***

The wetland is best characterized as palustrine emergent (PEM) broad-leaved persistent wetland cover type, based on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) publication “*Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States*” (Cowardin et al., 1979). These wetlands have a predominance of hydrophytic vegetation and are typically saturated near surface, flooded, or inundated for short to long intervals.

➤ ***soils***

The soil survey map shows this wetland area consists of Williamson channery silt loam series. Field observations indicated that soils in this wetland are not consistent with the mapped survey due to a wetter moisture regime. Soils in this wetland exhibited low-chroma colors, and meet *Hydric Soil Field Indicator* F3, Depleted Matrix and A5, Stratified Layers, thus soils within the delineated area meet the Regional Supplement criteria for hydric soils.

➤ ***hydrology***

The following indicators of hydrology were noted in Wetland A:

- a.) Surface water,
- b.) Saturation,
- c.) High water table,
- d.) Water-stained leaves,
- e.) Geomorphic position; and
- f.) Positive FAC-Neutral test.

Based on field observations and the reference material available, this area meets the criteria for having wetland hydrology as defined in the Regional Supplement.

Further information concerning details of vegetation, soils, and hydrology can be found in the wetland determination sheets included as Appendix A.

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This small wetland is a result of overland flow from the trail and the hill, ponding from precipitation events, and, potentially, groundwater seepage from the hill. The feature may also be a result of construction of the trail that could have cut off overland flow and impounded the wetland. The soils in the area are mapped as having a dense fragipan layer in the subsoil, it is possible that soil management exposed the dense layer that would act as an impervious soil surface, thus creating the wetland.

Water flows from the depression, into a small channel, and then ponds in another depression immediately upgradient from a storm grate. A small channel conveys water from the depression into the storm grate and concrete lined drainage basin. The storm grate and drainage basin are part of the park drainage system; the basin outlets via an 8 inch PVC pipe directly into the Genesee River. There is evidence of a hydrologic connection between the wetland and the park drainage system. This wetland feature can be considered adjacent to a jurisdictional water feature as water flows into the Genesee River, which is designated as a navigable water, via the park drainage system. Further information concerning details of vegetation, soils, and hydrology can be found in the wetland determination sheets included as Appendix A.

### **3.2 Stream Descriptions**

Within the approximately 14.7 acre project study area, the Genesee River and an unnamed tributary of the Genesee River were identified.

The Genesee River, approximately 187 linear feet of stream within the project study area, is a NYSDEC mapped stream (Ont. 117-3.1) designated Class B with B water quality standards, and is a protected water of the State. The river flows generally north from it's headwaters in Pennsylvania to Lake Ontario. The main channel stream is considered traditionally navigable water within the project study area. Additionally, it is designated a State Scenic River within Letchworth State Park. The Genesee River is a fourth order stream (at least) within the study area. Since steep slopes within the area limit accessibility of the immediate streambed, the limits of the river were approximated utilizing the stream edge identified on the USGS topographic map.

An unnamed tributary of the Genesee River was also identified and delineated within the project study area. Stream B, approximately 226 linear feet (0.045 acres) within the study area is located at the extreme western end of the study area and the stream generally flows north, under the railroad via a stone culvert, and into the river. Based on NYSDEC mapping, this stream (Ont. 117-91) is identified as Class C with C water quality standards, and is most likely perennial. The stream is not considered a protected water of the state. It is considered a water of the United States, under the relatively permanent water designation. The stream bed ranges from three to ten feet width and approximately 0.5 to four foot bank grade. The approximate average grade of the stream is five percent. Riffle-pool sequences are present. The streams attributes include a well defined OHW/MHW, including clear line impressed on the bank, destruction of

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terrestrial plants, sediment deposition, lack of leaf litter, wrack line, scour, and sediment sorting. A small seep is located immediately upgradient on the northern side of the stream. This seep flows from a bedrock spring and down a swale that empties into the stream. The stream bed consists primarily of sands and gravels, with multiple large cobbles. This stream is a first order rocky headwater stream within the project study area.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSIONS**

One wetland area, including a 0.052 acre PEM wetland, was observed within the project study area as shown in the attached Wetland Delineation Plan. Based on the available reference material and field data collected by C&S, it is our opinion that the wetland within the project limits, as previously described, was delineated and recorded consistent with the USACE Manual. Based on field surveys, review of USGS mapping, and interpretation of available aerial photography, it is our opinion that Wetland A is jurisdictional. The Genesee River was identified within the project study area. In total, 187 linear feet of stream bed was identified as part of this report. This stream is a State protected waterbody under 6 NYCRR, Part 608, Use and Protection of Waters. The stream is a traditionally navigable water of the United States and is afforded protection as a water of the United States. Stream B, approximately 226 linear feet (0.045 acres) of stream bed, was delineated as part of this report. The stream, a perennial stream and relatively permanent waterbody, is afforded protection as a water of the United States; it is not a state protected waterbody.

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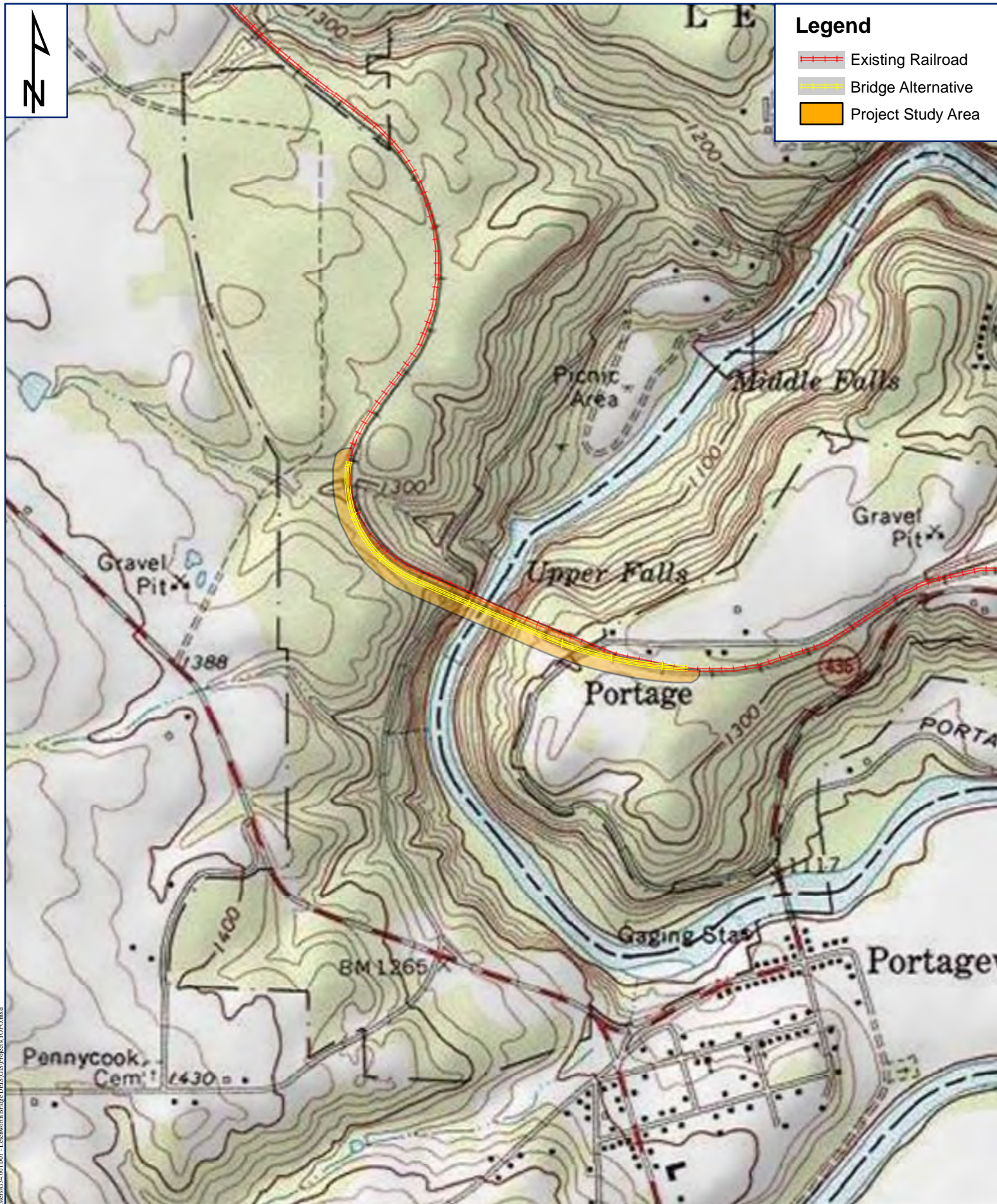
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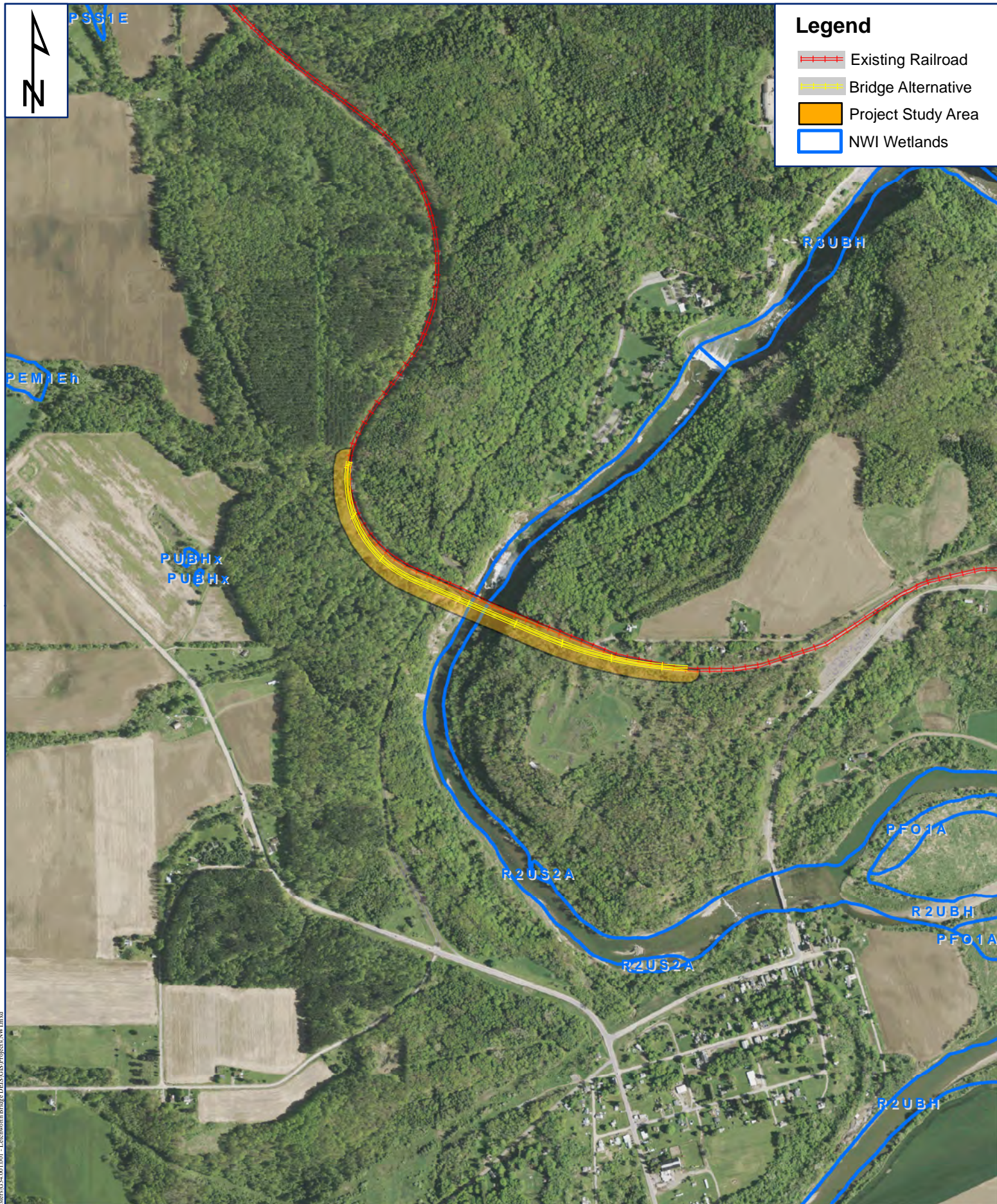


## **FIGURES**

**General Project Location and Topographic Map**  
**NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands and Streams Map**  
**NWI Wetland Map**  
**Soils Map**







### Legend

- Existing Railroad
- Bridge Alternative
- Project Study Area
- NWI Wetlands

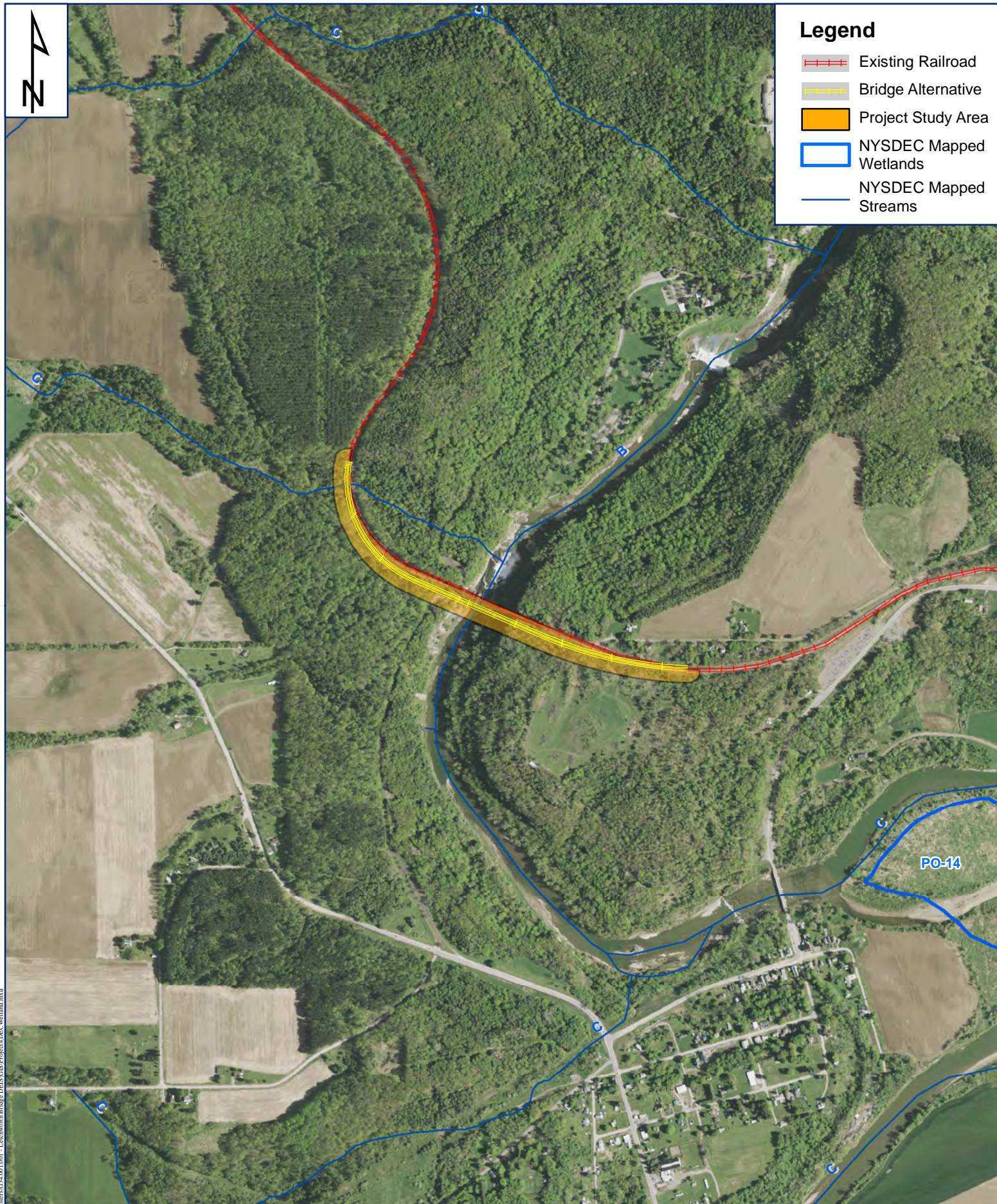


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NWI Wetlands Map  
 Portageville Bridge Project  
 Town of Portageville, Livingston County New York  
 Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming County, New York

## Figure 2





### Legend

- Existing Railroad
- Bridge Alternative
- Project Study Area
- NYSDEC Mapped Wetlands
- NYSDEC Mapped Streams

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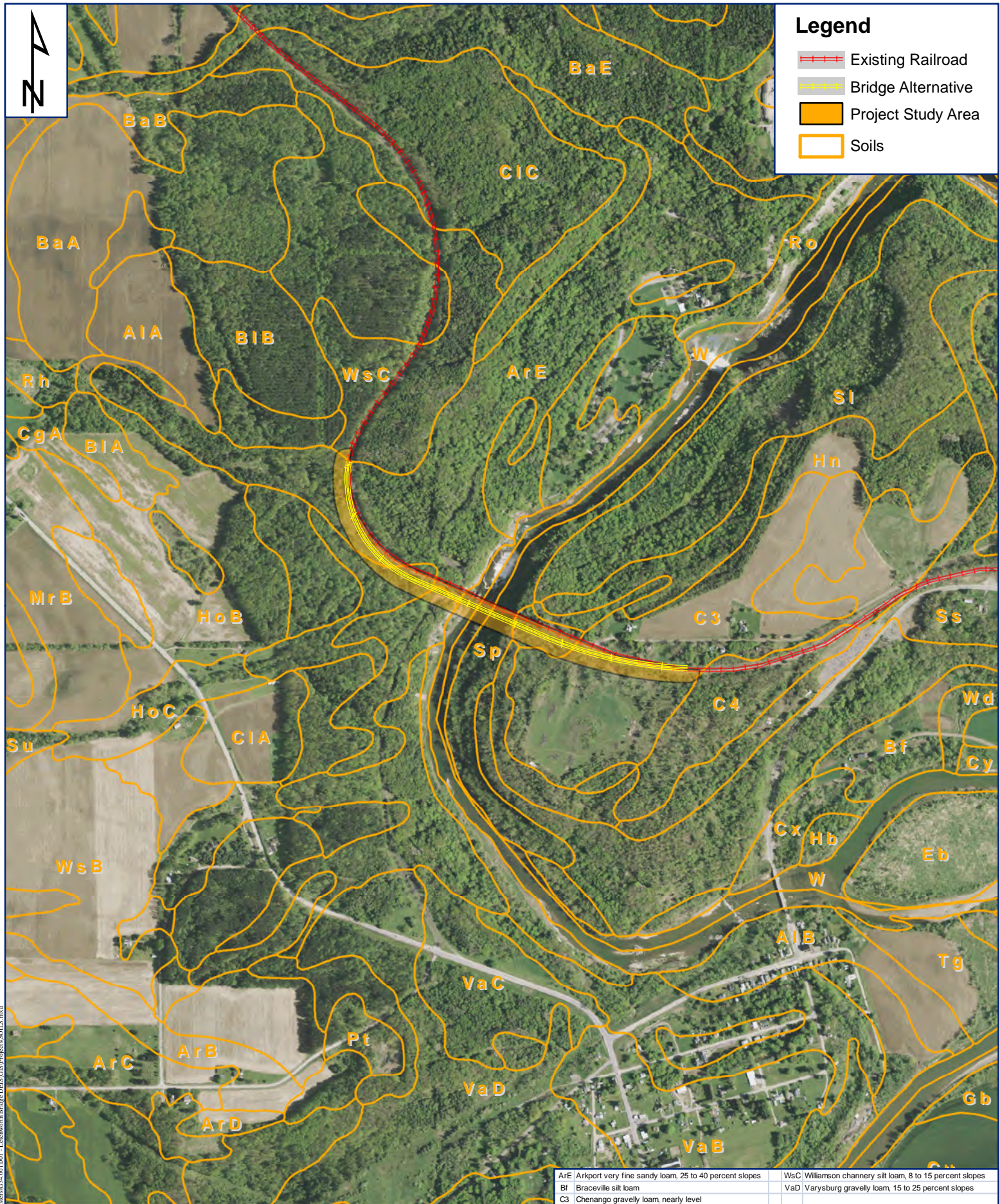
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**NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands & Stream Classification Map**  
**Portageville Bridge Project**  
 Town of Portageville, Livingston County New York  
 Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming County, New York

## Figure 3

Source: NYSDEC - New York State Regulatory Freshwater Wetlands





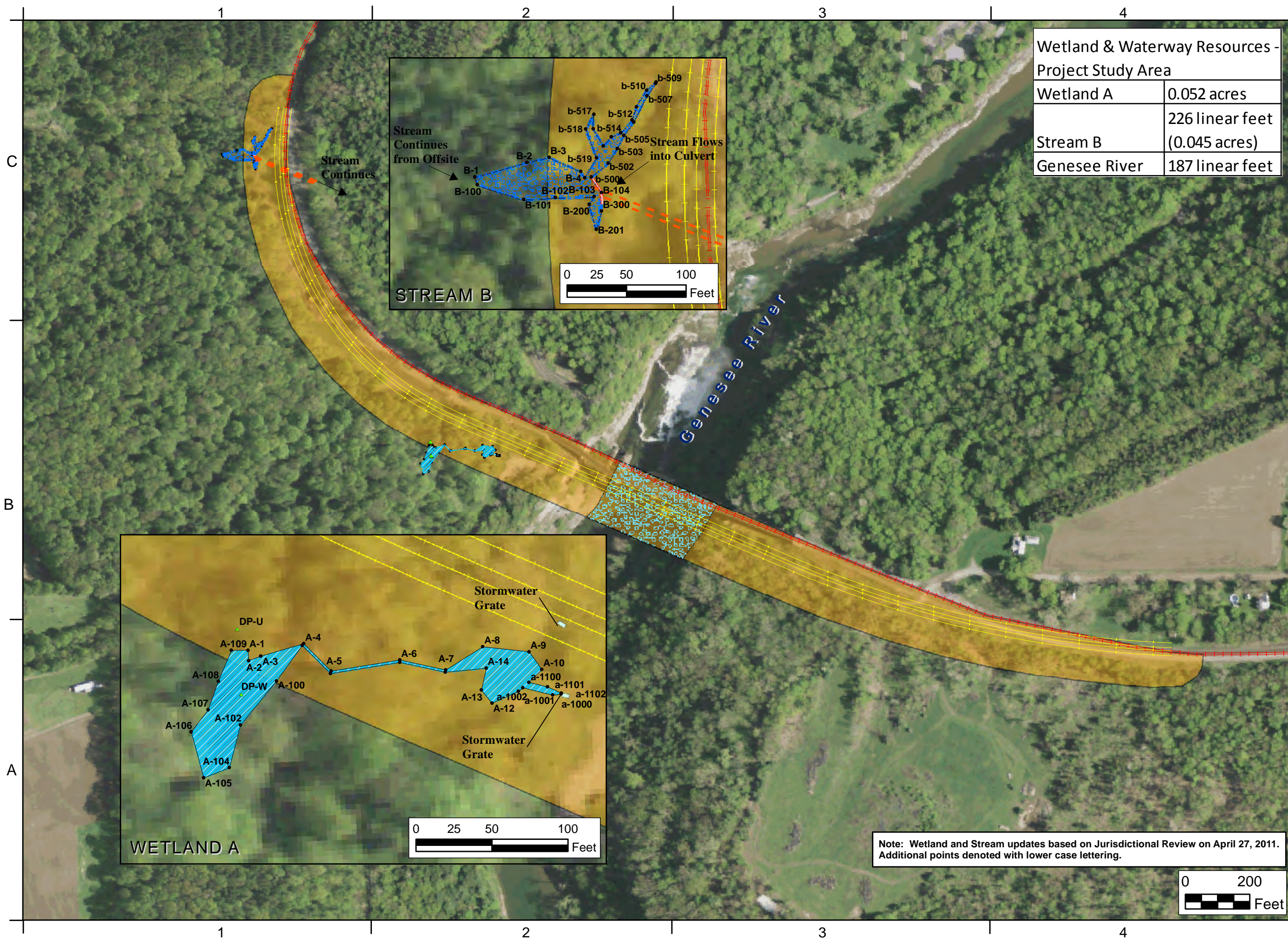
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# **PLAN**

## **WP – 1 - Wetland Delineation Plan**





Wetland & Waterway Resources -  
Project Study Area

Wetland A	0.052 acres
Stream B	226 linear feet (0.045 acres)
Genesee River	187 linear feet



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Legend

- Project Study Area
- Flag
- Data Point
- Stream OHW
- Wetland
- Approximate Stream OHW/MHW
- Bridge Alternative
- Existing Railroad



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Revision Date: May 2011.  
Additional points, notes, and  
updated acreage.

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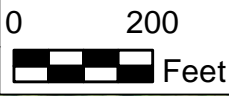
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WP1

Note: Wetland and Stream updates based on Jurisdictional Review on April 27, 2011.  
Additional points denoted with lower case lettering.





# **APPENDIX A**

## **Wetland Determination Sheets**



# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Northcentral and Northeast Region

Project/Site: Portageville Bridge Project City/County: Wyoming County Sampling Date: 9/6/2010  
 Applicant/Owner: Norfolk Southern Corporation State: NY Sampling Point: A-W  
 Investigator(s): Atwell Section, Township, Range: Town of Genesee Falls  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Toe of slope/ depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 0-2  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR R, MLRA 140 Lat: 42° 33' 57.23" Long: 74° 50' 02.55" Datum: NAD 83  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Williamson channery silt loam NWI classification: N/A

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes x No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes x No       
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No <u>    </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: <u>    </u>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No <u>    </u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>x</u>	No <u>    </u>	
Remarks: (Explain alternative procedures here or in a separate report.)			

## HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> <u>x</u> Surface Water (A1) <u>x</u> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <u>x</u> High Water Table (A2) <u>    </u> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <u>x</u> Saturation (A3) <u>    </u> Marl Deposits (B15) <u>    </u> Water Marks (B1) <u>    </u> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <u>    </u> Sediment Deposits (B2) <u>    </u> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <u>    </u> Drift Deposits (B3) <u>    </u> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <u>    </u> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <u>    </u> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <u>    </u> Iron Deposits (B5) <u>    </u> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <u>    </u> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <u>    </u> Other (Explain in Remarks) <u>    </u> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)		<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <u>    </u> Drainage Patterns (B10) <u>    </u> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <u>    </u> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <u>    </u> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <u>    </u> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <u>    </u> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <u>x</u> Geomorphic Position (D2) <u>    </u> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <u>    </u> Microtopographic Relief (D4) <u>x</u> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <u>x</u> No <u>    </u> Depth (inches): <u>0.25</u> Water Table Present? Yes <u>x</u> No <u>    </u> Depth (inches): <u>surface</u> Saturation Present? Yes <u>x</u> No <u>    </u> Depth (inches): <u>surface</u> (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <u>x</u> No <u>    </u>	
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: None		
Remarks: Surface water is present to a depth of 0.25 inches over approximately 30% of the sampling point.		

**VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.**

 Sampling Point: A-W

<u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status																	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100.0%</u> (A/B)																
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<u>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</u> (Plot size: _____)																				
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			=Total Cover	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <u>      </u> Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> Dominance Test is >50% <u>X</u> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <u>      </u> Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) <u>      </u> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)  <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
			=Total Cover																	
<u>Herb Stratum</u> (Plot size: <u>5 ft</u> )																				
1. <u>Impatiens capensis</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
2. <u>Lysimachia nummularia</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
3. <u>Microstegium vimineum</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>FAC</u>																	
4. <u>Scirpus atrovirens</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
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Definitions of Vegetation Strata:  
  
**Tree** – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.  
  
**Sapling/shrub** – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.  
  
**Herb** – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.  
  
**Woody vines** – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.  
  
**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?**      Yes X      No \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

## SOIL

Sampling Point: A-W

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 Applicant/Owner: Norfolk Southern Corporation State: NY Sampling Point: A-U  
 Investigator(s): Atwell Section, Township, Range: Town of Genesee Falls  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Plateau Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 0-2  
 Subregion (LRR or MLRA): LRR R, MLRA 140 Lat: 42° 33' 57.39" Long: 74° 50' 03.03" Datum: NAD 83  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Williamson channery silt loam NWI classification: N/A

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes x No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes x No       
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No <u>    </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> If yes, optional Wetland Site ID: <u>    </u>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No <u>    </u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>    </u>	No <u>x</u>	
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## HYDROLOGY

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</b> <u>Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Water (A1) <u>    </u> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <u>    </u> High Water Table (A2) <u>    </u> Aquatic Fauna (B13) <u>    </u> Saturation (A3) <u>    </u> Marl Deposits (B15) <u>    </u> Water Marks (B1) <u>    </u> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <u>    </u> Sediment Deposits (B2) <u>    </u> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3) <u>    </u> Drift Deposits (B3) <u>    </u> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <u>    </u> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <u>    </u> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <u>    </u> Iron Deposits (B5) <u>    </u> Thin Muck Surface (C7) <u>    </u> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <u>    </u> Other (Explain in Remarks) <u>    </u> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)		<u>Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)</u> <u>    </u> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <u>    </u> Drainage Patterns (B10) <u>    </u> Moss Trim Lines (B16) <u>    </u> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <u>    </u> Crayfish Burrows (C8) <u>    </u> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <u>    </u> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <u>  x  </u> Geomorphic Position (D2) <u>    </u> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <u>    </u> Microtopographic Relief (D4) <u>  x  </u> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: None		
Remarks:		

**VEGETATION** – Use scientific names of plants.

Sampling Point:

A-11

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 feet )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status																	
1. <i>Pinus strobus</i>	25	Yes	FACU	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b>  Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 3 (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 8 (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 37.5% (A/B)																
2. <i>Acer saccharum</i>	35	Yes	FACU																	
3. <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	10	No	FACU																	
4. <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	10	No	FACU																	
5. <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	10	No	FACW																	
6. <i>Tilia americana</i>	10	No	FACU																	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
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FACW species 34	x 2 = 68																			
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FACU species 104	x 4 = 416																			
UPL species 35	x 5 = 175																			
Column Totals: 193 (A)	719 (B)																			
Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.73																				
2. <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	10	Yes	FAC																	
3. <i>Acer saccharum</i>	10	Yes	FACU																	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
40 =Total Cover																				
<b>Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 feet )</b>																				
1. <i>Sporobolus vaginiflorus</i>	20	Yes	UPL	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50% <input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)  <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
2. <i>Agrimonia parviflora</i>	10	Yes	FAC																	
3. <i>Oxalis europaea</i>	5	No	UPL																	
4. <i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	2	No	FACW																	
5. <i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	2	No	FACU																	
6. <i>Viola sp.</i>	5	No	_____																	
7. <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	2	No	FACW																	
8. <i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	2	No	FACU																	
9. <i>Geranium pusillum</i>	10	Yes	UPL	<b>Definitions of Vegetation Strata:</b>  <b>Tree</b> – Woody plants 3 in. (7.6 cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.  <b>Sapling/shrub</b> – Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft (1 m) tall.  <b>Herb</b> – All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft tall.  <b>Woody vines</b> – All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft in height.																
10. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
12. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
58 =Total Cover																				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____ )</b>																				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>																
2. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____																	
_____ =Total Cover																				

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

Sampling Point: A-U

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Hydric Soil Indicators:		Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR R, MLRA 149B)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10) (LRR K, L, MLRA 149B)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR R, MLRA 149B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16) (LRR K, L, R)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (LRR K, L)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3) (LRR K, L, R)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7) (LRR K, L)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Polyvalue Below Surface (S8) (LRR K, L)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Dark Surface (S9) (LRR K, L)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Iron-Manganese Masses (F12) (LRR K, L, R)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont Floodplain Soils (F19) (MLRA 149B)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)		<input type="checkbox"/> Mesic Spodic (TA6) (MLRA 144A, 145, 149B)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)		<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)		<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7) (LRR R, MLRA 149B)		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)

<b>Restrictive Layer (if observed):</b> Type: <u>Fragnpan or gravel layer</u> Depth (inches): <u>16</u>	<b>Hydric Soil Present?</b> Yes <u>      </u> No <u>  X  </u>
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## **APPENDIX B**

### **Wetland Photographs**

Wetlands & Waterways Delineation Report  
Norfolk Southern Corporation Portageville Bridge Project  
Town of Portageville, Livingston County & Town of Genesee Falls, Wyoming  
County, New York



Wetland A



Genesee River, looking south from the  
northern end of the bridge abutment



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Stream B, looking upstream

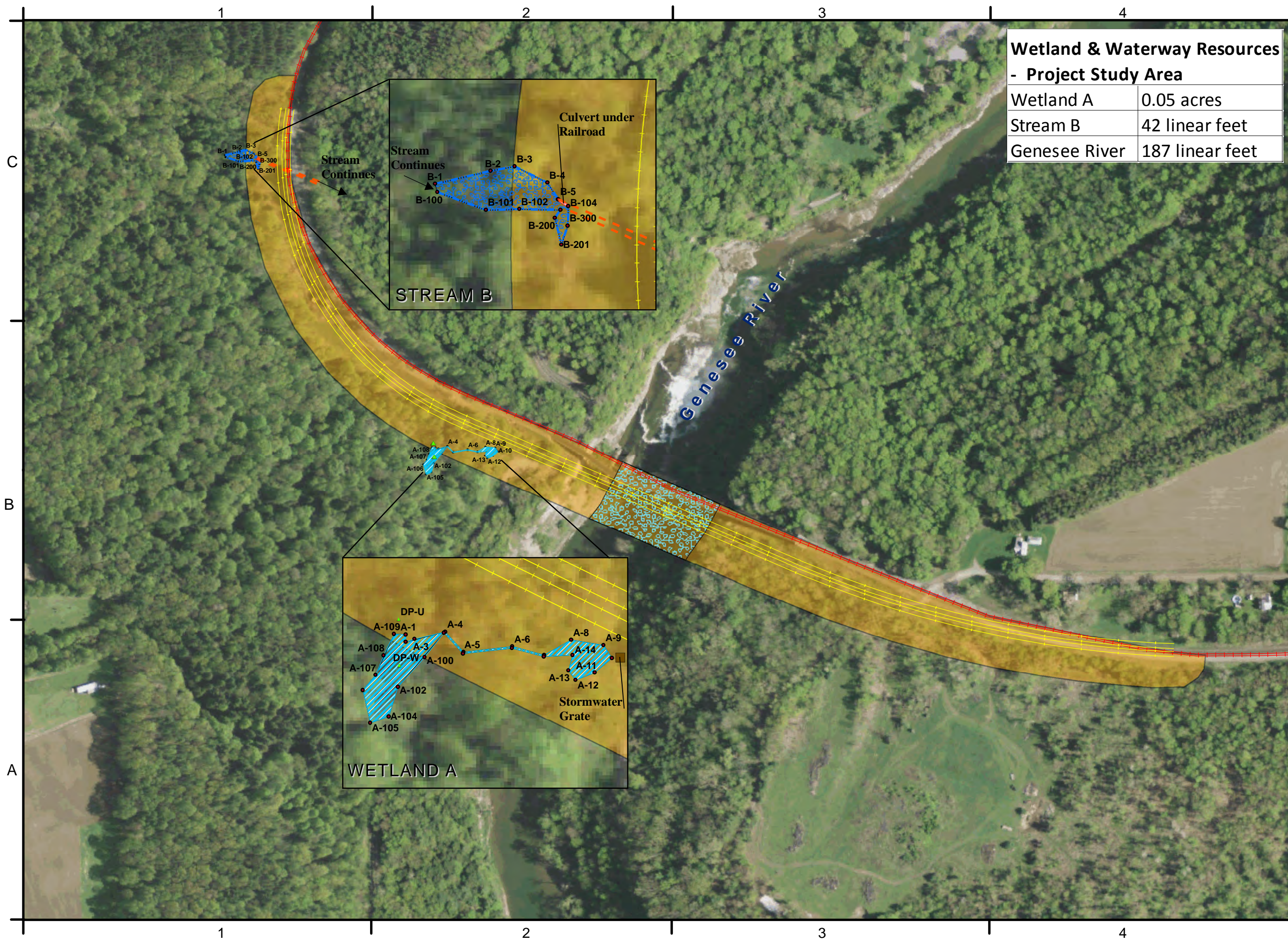


Stream B, looking downstream towards culvert

# **APPENDIX C**

## **Previous Information**







Wetland & Waterway Resources - Project Study Area	
Wetland A	0.05 acres
Stream B	42 linear feet
Genesee River	187 linear feet





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**Legend**


 Project Study Area


 Flag


 Data Point


 Stream OHW

 Wetland

 Approximate Stream OHW/MHW

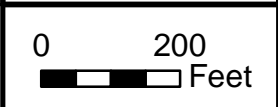
 Bridge Alternative

 Existing Railroad



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**Portageville Bridge Project**  
**Town of Portageville,**  
**Livingston County New York**  
**Town of Genesee Falls,**  
**Wyoming County, New York**



PROJECT NO:	G34001001
DATE:	January 2010
SCALE:	AS SHOWN
DRAWN BY:	WNR
DESIGNED BY:	WNR
CHECKED BY:	ABA
<small>Source: USDA Geospatial Clearinghouse</small>	
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**WETLAND  
DELINEATION  
PLAN**

**WP1**





**DATA FORM<sup>1</sup>**  
**ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION**

<p>Project/Site: <u>Portageville Bridge Project Parallel Alignment</u></p> <p>Applicant/Owner: <u>Modjeski &amp; Masters</u></p> <p>Investigator(s): <u>A. Atwell</u></p>	<p>Date: <u>October 2, 2008</u></p> <p>County: <u>Livingston/Wyoming</u></p> <p>State: <u>New York</u></p>
<p>Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</span></p> <p>Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <span style="float: right;"><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</span></p> <p>Is the area a potential Problem Area? <span style="float: right;"><input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</span></p> <p>(If needed, explain on reverse.)</p>	<p>Community ID: <u>Wetland A – PEM</u></p> <p>Location: <u>As noted</u></p> <p>Plot ID: <u>A-W</u></p>

**VEGETATION**

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u><i>Impatiens capensis</i></u>	<u>Herb</u>	<u>FACW</u>	9. _____	_____	_____
2. <u><i>Scirpus atrovirens</i></u>	<u>Herb</u>	<u>OBL</u>	10. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	11. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	12. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	13. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	14. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	15. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	16. _____	_____	_____

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-).	<u>100%</u>
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Remarks: The percentage of dominant vegetation with an indicator status of OBL, FACW, or FAC is greater than 50 percent, indicating that vegetation within this data point is hydrophytic.

**HYDROLOGY**

<p>_____ Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks):</p> <p>_____ Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge</p> <p>_____ Aerial Photographs</p> <p>_____ Other</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recorded Data Available</p>	<p>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</p> <p>Primary Indicators:</p> <p>_____ Inundated</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturated in Upper 12 Inches</p> <p>_____ Water Marks</p> <p>_____ Drift Lines</p> <p>_____ Sediment Deposits</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns in Wetlands</p> <p>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):</p> <p>_____ Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 inches</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves</p> <p>_____ Local Soil Survey Data</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test</p> <p>_____ Other (Explain in Remarks)</p>
<p>Field Observations:</p> <p>Depth of Surface Water: _____ None _____ (in.)</p> <p>Depth to Free Water in Pit: _____ 4 _____ (in.)</p> <p>Depth to Saturated Soil: _____ Surface _____ (in.)</p>	
<p>Remarks:</p> <p>The presence of primary and secondary indicators of hydrology indicates that wetland hydrology is present at this data point.</p>	

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**DATA FORM<sup>1</sup>**  
**ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION**  
**(Continued)**

**SOILS**

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase): <u>Williamson channery silt loam, 8-15% slopes</u>		Drainage Class: <u>MWD</u>			
Taxonomy (Subgroup): <u>Typic Fragiudept</u>		Field Observations Confirm Mapped Type? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>			
<b>Profile Description:</b>					
Depth (inches)	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/ Size/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0-1	A	2.5Y 4/2	---	---	Loamy sand
1-8	Ag	5Y 3/1	5Y 4/3	Common, medium, distinct	Sandy loam
			2.5Y 4/1	Common, medium, distinct	Gravelly sandy loam
8-15+	Bg	2.5Y 4/2	2/5Y 4/1	Common, medium, distinct	
			10 YR 4/4	Common, medium, distinct	
<b>Hydric Soil Indicators:</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol		<input type="checkbox"/> Concretions			
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon		<input type="checkbox"/> High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfidic Odor		<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquic Moisture Regime		<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on Local Hydric Soils List			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing Conditions		<input type="checkbox"/> Listed on National Hydric Soils List			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)			
<b>Remarks:</b> The presence of low-chroma colors indicates that the soils are hydric.					

**WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (Circle)	Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (Circle)
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
Hydric Soils Present? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<b>Remarks:</b> The presence of all three wetland parameters indicates that this data point is representative of Wetland A.	

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<p>Do Normal Circumstances exist on the site? <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> No</span></p> <p>Is the site significantly disturbed (Atypical Situation)? <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> Yes</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="radio"/> No</span></p> <p>Is the area a potential Problem Area? <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="radio"/> Yes</span> <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="radio"/> No</span></p> <p>(If needed, explain on reverse.)</p>	<p>Community ID: <u>Upland forest</u></p> <p>Location: <u>As noted</u></p> <p>Plot ID: <u>A-U</u></p>

**VEGETATION**

Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator	Dominant Plant Species	Stratum	Indicator
1. <u>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>FACW</u>	9. _____	_____	_____
2. <u>Tsuga canadensis</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>FACU</u>	10. _____	_____	_____
3. <u>Liriodendron tulipifera</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>FACU</u>	11. _____	_____	_____
4. <u>Impatiens capensis</u>	<u>Herb</u>	<u>FACW</u>	12. _____	_____	_____
5. <u>Ageratina altissima</u>	<u>Herb</u>	<u>FACU-</u>	13. _____	_____	_____
6. <u>Mitchella repens</u>	<u>Herb</u>	<u>FACU</u>	14. _____	_____	_____
7. <u>Rumex crispus</u>	<u>Herb</u>	<u>FACU</u>	15. _____	_____	_____
8. <u>Scirpus atrovirens</u>	<u>Herb</u>	<u>OBL</u>	16. _____	_____	_____

Percent of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW or FAC (excluding FAC-).	<u>38%</u>
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Remarks: The percentage of dominant vegetation with an indicator status of OBL, FACW, or FAC is not greater than 50 percent, indicating that vegetation within this data point is not hydrophytic.

**HYDROLOGY**

<p>____ Recorded Data (Describe in Remarks):</p> <p>____ Stream, Lake, or Tide Gauge</p> <p>____ Aerial Photographs</p> <p>____ Other</p> <p><b>X</b> No Recorded Data Available</p>	<p>Wetland Hydrology Indicators:</p> <p>Primary Indicators:</p> <p>____ Inundated</p> <p>____ Saturated in Upper 12 Inches</p> <p>____ Water Marks</p> <p>____ Drift Lines</p> <p>____ Sediment Deposits</p> <p>____ Drainage Patterns in Wetlands</p> <p>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required):</p> <p>____ Oxidized Root Channels in Upper 12 inches</p> <p>____ Water-Stained Leaves</p> <p>____ Local Soil Survey Data</p> <p>____ FAC-Neutral Test</p> <p>____ Other (Explain in Remarks)</p>
<p>Field Observations:</p> <p>Depth of Surface Water: _____ <u>N/A</u> (in.)</p> <p>Depth to Free Water in Pit: _____ <u>&gt;15</u> (in.)</p> <p>Depth to Saturated Soil: _____ <u>&gt;15</u> (in.)</p>	
<p>Remarks:</p> <p>The absence of primary and secondary indicators of hydrology indicates that wetland hydrology is not present.</p>	

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**ROUTINE WETLAND DETERMINATION**  
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**SOILS**

Map Unit Name (Series and Phase): <u>Williamson channery silt loam, 8-15% slopes</u>		Drainage Class: <u>MWD</u>			
Taxonomy (Subgroup): <u>Typic Fragiudept</u>		Field Observations Confirm Mapped Type? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>			
<b>Profile Description:</b>					
Depth (inches)	Horizon	Matrix Color (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Colors (Munsell Moist)	Mottle Abundance/ Size/Contrast	Texture, Concretions, Structure, etc.
0-2	A1	2.5Y 5/3	---	---	Sandy loam
2-10	A2	2.5Y 3/1	---	---	Sandy loam
10-15+	Bw	2.5Y 5/3	---	---	Gravelly sandy loam
<b>Hydric Soil Indicators:</b>					
___ Histosol			___ Concretions		
___ Histic Epipedon			___ High Organic Content in Surface Layer in Sandy Soils		
___ Sulfidic Odor			___ Organic Streaking in Sandy Soils		
___ Aquic Moisture Regime			___ Listed on Local Hydric Soils List		
___ Reducing Conditions			___ Listed on National Hydric Soils List		
___ Gleyed or Low-Chroma Colors			___ Other (Explain in Remarks)		
Remarks: Hydric soils are not present.					

**WETLAND DETERMINATION**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> (Circle)	(Circle)
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> (Circle)	(Circle)
Hydric Soils Present? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> (Circle)	Is this Sampling Point Within a Wetland? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> (Circle)
Remarks: The absence of all three wetland parameters indicates that this data point is not within a wetland.	

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